

Birdie Rehearsals

In Full Swing

The Music Department of AHS has selected *Bells Are Ringing* as its operetta selection for 1964. This light-hearted musical, full of hilarious scenes as well as moments of tenderness, has had tremendous success and may prove to be most popular operetta in the history of such productions here.

Gale Cote, who was a great success as, Rosie in *Bye Bye Birdie* last year, will return as this year's lead, Ella. The male lead, Jeff Moss, will be played by John Burns, Hugo of *Bye Bye Birdie*. Linda Barufaldi, who stole the show last year as Mae, was selected to play Sue, and Sandor, her bookie boyfriend, will be played by Bob Guidetti. Other leads will be: Nancy Schmidt, Gwynn; Dr. Kitchell, Bob Osolinski; Francis, Bill Gowdy; Carl, Jack Quinn; Inspector Barnes, Teddy Affleck; Blake Barton, Bill Higgins; Larry Hastings, Bill Henry; Olga, Drinda Lund; Ludwig Smily, Steve Catelotti; and Charles Benemer, Mike Hopkins.

The Chorus, which will serve as the stage chorus, was selected by Mr. Davis and is already rehearsing for its numbers. The leads, under the direction of Miss Marieb, have been rehearsing since Christmas vacation. Some of the better known songs in the operetta are "Just in Time", "Long Before I Met You", and "The Party's Over."

Bells Are Ringing will be presented on March 19 and 20.

CLOTHES LINE

Figures clothed in vivid pastels, rich blues and greens, will be seen flashing down the ski trails this year, their vivid colors set off by the brilliant white snow.

Skiing has become a popular sport and ski casuals have become popular fashions this year. Whether braving the ski slopes or being a snow-bunny and cozily curling up in front of the fire, girls want to look their best and this year's fashion tone for ski attire makes it easy.

The snow-bunny can be dressed in blue stretch ski pants with a bright madras plaid blouse under a soft pastel-blue mohair pull-

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Pictured above is the cast of *Featbertop*, a play being presented by the sophomore-freshmen class in the Inter-class Play Competition. Left to right (standing), are Stephen Catelotti, Robert Osolinski, Jack Quinn, Jerry Cleary, Bernard Klimaj, Marilyn Demont, Theresa Dearborn, Jean Brusseau, Judy Leno, and Mooneyan Field.

Kid Party A Success

After much anticipation the Kid Party finally arrived on December 21. Gleeful cries filled the air as the class of '64 was given a chance to relive precious childhood experiences for the last time. Girls came dressed in everything from frilly dresses to cunning pajamas. Hair styles included braids, pigtales, and long curls which, doubtlessly, were yanked throughout the entire evening by "little boys".

Nancy Schmidt won the prize for the girl most resembling a child. Boys also came dressed in appropriate costume. Some wore burmudas, and others wore scout uniforms, baseball uniforms, and even an egg! Yes, and egg! Robert Morin arrived as a cracked egg and won the prize for the boys.

Many "children" ran around the cafeteria wildly, playing cowboys-and-indians and other childish games. Of course, the night would not have been complete without a visit from Santa Claus. He was given a warm welcome by all the "youngsters" as they quickly rushed to sit on Santa's knee. Santa gave to each person a gift which was a toy with which each "child" could amuse himself for the rest of the evening.

All too soon the evening came to an end and all the "children" scurried home to bed!

Record Winners

The winners of last month's records were June Sherman and Raymond Camissa. Each remarked that he enjoyed his record very much. June mentioned that she loves music and is active in the school music department.

There were two winners in the Christmas issue of the newspaper since there was no winner in the preceding issue.

Scholarships Available to Seniors Listed

The time for all college-bound seniors to apply for financial aid has arrived and the Guidance Department has released an extensive list of scholarships which are available. Mr. Skolnick warns that application should be made well in advance of the closing date for each application, and Agawam High School will not be responsible for late application.

Seniors should be aware that the selection of scholarship recipients is based on scholarship, school citizenship, suitability to future plans, and need.

The following are just a portion of a list covering eleven pages. Further inquiries concerning scholarships should be made to the guidance director, Mr. Skolnick.

Agawam Lion's Club Scholarship — \$200 each to a qualified boy and girl who apply before April 1, 1964. Forms are available in the guidance office.

Agawam Teachers' Club Scholarships — \$200 to two seniors who will become teachers. Students must apply before April 1, 1964. Forms are available in the guidance office.

American International College — a competitive scholarship ranging from \$200. to \$700., awarded to seniors from designated high schools on the basis of the results of an examination taken on March 9, 1964. Forms may be acquired from the guidance director of the college. Statement of need must accompany any application which should be filed before March 9, 1964.

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PLAY COMPETITION FEATURES

THREE VARIED MOODS

Valley Wheel News Association Is Planned

In an attempt to focus more interest on extra-curricular activities other than sports, the Valley Wheel Association has proposed a program in which, it is hoped, schools may exchange news and ideas. Participating schools may benefit by gaining knowledge of the activities and projects of other schools.

Our principal, Mr. Dacey, has been assigned the promotion of interest in school publications, primarily school newspapers and yearbooks. Our school, therefore, will hold a luncheon attended by newspaper editors and advisors from neighboring high schools and will have the opportunity to exchange information and impressions with them.

Replies from most of the schools in the area have already been received.

It is hoped that this conference will prove successful and will serve to stimulate further interest in high school newspapers and other school publications.

AHS to Be Represented At District Chorus, January 25

The annual District Concert was held on January 25, in the auditorium of the East Longmeadow High School at 8:00 p.m. Six members represented Agawam High School in the chorus and four represented Agawam in the band and orchestra.

In the chorus were the following representatives:

John Burns
Julie Haidemenos
Anne Johnson
Elizabeth Major
Robert Osolinski
Nancy Schmidt

Band members included Ken Gallano, John Hallock, and Robert Swanson.

Agawam High School's representative to the District Orchestra was Virginia O'Reilly. Virginia is the first representative that Agawam has had in the orchestra in several years. She is a violinist in the Young People's Symphony of Springfield.

Drama, Suspense, and Humor to Be Offered

The Agawam High School Auditorium will be the scene of the Third Annual Inter-Class Play Competition sponsored by the Drama Club on Friday, January 31, at 8 o'clock. A donation of \$.75 is an assurance to an evening of entertainment.

Sheila Dahdah is the general chairman of the competition. The seniors, juniors, and frosh-soph classes (combined) will each present a one-act play. A panel of out-of-town judges will then choose one play to represent Agawam High in a Western Massachusetts Competition. The winner of that event will compete in a district competition whose victor in turn will perform at the Massachusetts Regional Drama Competition in Boston. A plaque will be awarded to the winning class by the Agawam-Lions Club. Prizes are also awarded to the best actress and actor.

The Class of '64 will present *John Doe* by Bernard Dryer. The story deals with six people who are in Limbo awaiting Judgment Day. They all discuss the people who had oppressed them. Father Julio (played by Ted Affleck), for example, describes his death at the indifferent hands of a firing squad. The Klu Klux Klan had burned the Negro Jesse (Armand Bruneau) alive. As they all discuss their depressing lives, John Doe comes to Limbo as the symbol of all the evil in the world. The six people themselves put Doe on trial. Miss Joyce Marieb is the advisor while Judy Bonkowski is the student director. The remainder of the cast is as follows:

Jimmie Billy Higgins
Ruby Suzanne Gagnon
Arthur Gary Hodge
Petti Tom Daigneau
John Doe John Klenakis

The junior class play, *Sorry, Wrong Number!*, deals with an elderly neurotic woman, Mrs. Stevenson, who has been an invalid for many years. While trying to reach her husband on the telephone one evening, she overhears a telephone conversation plotting a woman's death. The remainder of the play shows

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Pictured above are the cast for the Seniors in the Inter-class Play Competition. Standing (left to right), John Klenakis, Ted Affleck, Gary Hodge; seated, Billy Higgins, Susanne Gagnon; kneeling, Tommy Daigneau, and Armand Bruneau.



Pictured above are members of junior-class cast for the Inter-Class Play Competition. Left to right, Bill Henry, Sue Bourbonnais, Jeri-Ann Davilli, Mike Hopkins, Linda Barufaldi, Bob Swanson, Joyce Goodwin, and Sue Howard.

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MEDIOCRITY — OR MORE?

Why do you as a student body wish to hide your intelligence beneath a robe of mediocrity? Why do you settle for less than the best when not working to your fullest capacity? Is it because you are afraid of slight ridicule by some of your so-called friends? If so, then you are severely misinformed. Your scholastic record in high school follows you throughout your entire life, and yet some of you refuse to accept this fact and furthermore rebel against any form of discipline and learning. A prime example of those people who abuse their intelligence are people who submit creative material to the *Mirror* for publication and wish to remain anonymous. If you do possess certain talents or abilities, do not try to obscure or belittle them. Let them show! The pressure exerted by your peer group cannot be great enough to offset the feeling one has when he knows he has put forth his best effort. Do not conform to the mediocre study habits of the day — be an individualist who will work and strive to excell in all fields. Athletics and extra-curricular activities are secondary to the primary importance and emphasis of gaining both a good and sound education in high school. Education is there for the asking — why not take it before it is too late!! The pressures of outside groups do not follow you the rest of your life, your scholastic record will — and does. Therefore, you should be proud that you are able to obtain something that is honorable and should maintain your high standards at all times throughout your entire high school career.

M.J.S.

NEW AMENDMENT TO STUDENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION PROPOSED

Because the enrollment of Agawam High School has enlarged so greatly in the last eight to ten years, membership of the Student Council has become proportionately larger and has rendered the council inflexible and less efficient than formerly.

Therefore, a committee composed of various council members has been organized with the prime objective of amending Article 3, Section I of the constitution which is concerned with members of the Student Council and their election.

Section I states: "The representatives of the Senior Class shall consist of two senior members (one boy and one girl) from each home room. The president of the Senior Class and the Editor-in-Chief of the *Mirror* become members automatically but may not hold the office of President. There shall be two members from each Junior home room plus the president of the Junior Class. The Sophomore Class shall have one representative from each home room and the class president, and the Freshmen shall have two members from Room 26 and one member from each other home room and the freshman class president. Each year a boy and girl from both the Sophomore and Junior Classes shall be held over to form a nucleus for the next year's Council."

Under the pending amendment, Student Council members would seek election at large, i.e., each member would be elected by the entire class rather than by home rooms. Although not specified in the amendment, it is implied that candidates would be required to run a campaign and deliver the appropriate speeches.

The Council would be composed of twenty-nine elected members. Representation by class would be as follows: ten members at large from the senior class, nine members from the junior class, five members from the sophomore class and five from the freshman class.

Ex officio members, i.e. appointed members, would include the president of each class and the Editor-in-Chief of the *Mirror*. These members would not be eligible for the office of president.

It is believed that the Student Council would greatly benefit under this amendment. The Council would be composed of competent, interested members who would take serious notice of apparent problems and would conscientiously seek to resolve them. A proportional balance in the Council would be restored: seniors would have more votes than, juniors, juniors more than sophomores, and sophomores more than freshmen. By cutting the size of the Council, increased efficiency and a more workable size would result. The Student Council would be greatly revitalized and would be restored to its worthy and esteemed position at Agawam High School.

S.L.C.

THE FUGITIVE

Looking down from the ridge, the sheriff and his deputies spotted the tiny figure in the canyon far below. Lon Mason, lawman of Hornridge City, shaded his eyes and watched a moment before speaking grimly, "That's him all right, boys. It won't be long now. His horse's had it sure. Come on. Let's get this over with." With that he led them down the trail toward the canyon floor far below.

It was at least an hour later when they finally cornered Chuck Larson. His face was haggard from the chase, his clothes dusty, his eyes wild and helpless, like those of a trapped animal.

"You can't take me back," said Chuck. "I can't face it! I can't! Lon, you're my best friend —"

Lon scowled. "Yes, I'm your best friend, and I swore I'd stand behind you 'till it was over." The sheriff's voice was hard and cold. "You told me you'd stick it out, see it through like a man, but the minute I turned my back — sure, you're on the nearest horse, riding for the hills."



Mr. Faucette explains fine points of dissection to members of his third period class.

Biology Students "Cut Up" In Lab; Practical — Object: "Cool Cats"

A pungent odor may have been detected in the vicinity of the science wing a few weeks ago. The smell was the deadly combination of formaldehyde and dead cats!

A handsome doctor appeared to be supervising the ghastly affair. But as he spoke in that Bostonian accent, one realized that instead of a handsome doctor, he was Mr. Faucette! He explained that his advanced biology classes were dissecting cats.

Cats are very similar to humans not only in temperament but also in anatomy. Hence, the reason they were selected as subjects for dissection. Also, the functions of the organs of the cat are analogous to those of humans.

The dissection of the cats is the climax of a five-week lecture period accompanied by related experiments concerning the functions of the human body. The dissection gives students an opportunity to use the knowledge they have gained in five weeks. Actual dissection includes the study of organs in the ten essential systems of living organisms.

Concluding this program, a lab practical test is administered in which students must know the actual parts of the cat as well as their functions. Medical schools and nursing schools administer the same type of test.

Students taking advanced biology are expected to have an avid

interest in biology as well as an above-average knowledge of sophomore biology.

Students agreed that although advanced biology entails quite a lot of work, if one is sincerely interested, much can be learned from this course.

John Michalak added the intelligent remark, "The course would be fabulous if it weren't for the smell!"

Judy Herzog replied with a sick grin, "It's fun!" Of course there was the inevitable reply of "Yeccth."

Phyllis Pisano concluded by praising the relaxed atmosphere and stressing the need for a strong stomach.

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her attempting to get help from the telephone company and police. Miss Miemiec and Miss Perreault are the advisors. The student director is Jeri-Ann Davilli.

The cast is as follows:

First operator	Susan Bourbonnais
Chief operator	Linda Cook
Second operator	Jeri-Ann Davilli
Third operator	Joyce Goodwin
Fourth operator	Susan Howard
Duffy	Michael Hopkins
George	Bill Henry
Western Union boy	Bob Swanson
Mrs. Stevenson	Linda Barufaldi
Stage manager	Sherry Royer

The frosh and sophomore classes

"Lon, you know what this means. If you bring me back it's a life sentence."

"I know," said Lon, his voice pleading now, "but suppose I did let you go. Would you ever really be free? And would you really ask me to do that? Just think how I'd feel."

The sheriff paused a minute, then tried the one thing he'd been counting on to work. Softly, almost in a whisper, Lon said, "Chuck, I've got a message from Emma."

"Emma," said Chuck bitterly. "It was her that got me in this whole mess."

"Chuck, don't talk like that. She loves you, and you know it."

Chuck nodded hopelessly. "It's not her fault. What'd she say, Lon?"

"She said to be a man, Chuck . . . to come back and face the town, and when it's all over, she'll be there at your side — ready to forgive you."

For a long time Chuck stood silent. His face was torn with indecision. At last, though, finally convinced, he said, "All right, I'll go. I did give Emma my word, and if that's no good, I sure don't have much else."

Then stopping, he looked pleadingly to Lon. "There's no rush, is there, Lon? I mean, couldn't we have something to eat or something before we go back?"

"No, you get nothing to eat or drink until you face that judge back in Hornridge and take what you got coming."

"All right," said Chuck, his surrender complete, "take me in."

It was late that afternoon that Chuck faced the judge. But somehow, with Emma at his side, he'd taken courage. Though the whole town was looking on, Chuck held his head high. He was glad now that Emma had insisted he wear his Sunday suit. It wasn't so bad with Emma beside him and Lon, his best friend, close by.

And so, bracing himself, Chuck Larson heard the judge's fateful words, "And do you, Chuck Larson, take this woman to be your lawful, wedded wife?"

"I do," answered Chuck, his mind made up at last.

"Shucks," said Lon, "never knew a man to kick up such a fuss over goin' to his own wedding."

Kathy Shepard

have combined to present *Feather-top* by Maurice Valency, based on the story by Nathaniel Hawthorne. A puritanical witch turns a scarecrow into a man as a prank with the intention of foiling the real "strawmen" of the day. The fun really begins when Feather-top, the scarecrow, tries his hand at life. The cast under the direction of Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Arsenault is as follows:

Feathertop	Jack Quinn
Mother Rigby, the witch	Jean Brusseau
Judge Gookin	Bob Osolinski
Polly Gookin	Judy Leno
Dicon	Theresa Dearborn
Mr. Bell	Steve Catelotti
Major Whitby	Bernard Klimaj
Bob Endicott	Gerald Cleary
The lady	Marilyn DeMont
The maid	Moonyean Field
Understudies	David Sweeney

Prompters	Cindy Colburn
	Anne Numziate

Stage Manager Patricia Salmons

The classes each have their own ticket chairmen and publicity chairmen. They are as follows: seniors, Dianne Washington and Sheryl Greenfield; junior, Susan Howard and Joanne Beauvais; soph-frosh, Mary Tourville and Barbara Martin.

The officers of the Drama Club are very enthusiastic about the plays' progressions. They are as follows: president, Gale Cote; vice-president, Billy Higgins; secretary, Marsha Della-Giustina; treasurer, Judy Bonkowski.

Miss Marieb, the advisor to the club said, "Judging by the enthusiasm and talent of the actors and the competence of the directors, this year's competition should prove exciting! The actors and directors, however, will need the full support and encouragement of the student body."

Guidance Department News

Any senior who plans to take Post Graduate courses, must report to Trade School, Wednesday, February 12, 1964, at 7:15 to pick up his application. This is a must.

The following courses are to be offered:

	Room
Medical Assisting	321
Surgical Technician	109
Beauty Culture	324
Practical Nursing	316
Medical Lab. Assistant	108
Dental Assisting	310
Communication Technology	220
Heating and Tool Design	9
Electronical Technology	218
Data Processing Technology	107
Metallurgical Technology	102
Machine and Tool Design	211

All juniors planning to go to College will take College Board Aptitude exams on March 7, 1964, at Classical High School on Saturday.

Thirty-four faculty members and seniors have signed up to take the course, "Introduction to Data Processing." The course will last fourteen weeks and will be given on Monday from 2:10 to 3:10 p.m. The instructor of the course is a member of the faculty at Andover Business Institute. This course will give students working knowledge of data processing. There is no cost to anyone taking this course.

Mrs. Shirley S. Carpenter, employee interviewer of Mass. Mutual of Springfield, will speak to the entire commercial course students on the advantages of majoring in commercial courses.

Students should look forward to vast opportunities in this field.

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SENIOR SILHOUETTES



Pictured above are this month's senior silhouettes. Left to right are Teddy Affleck, Marsha Della-Giustina, Richard Chandler, Jean Daubitz, and Bobby Polopek.

Jean Daubitz

Jean Daubitz is a fun-loving, vivacious, senior who enjoys life thoroughly. She can be heard at all the pep rallies cheering our team to victory, for Jean is one of Agawam's lively cheerleaders. Jean can usually be recognized walking through the halls with her friends displaying her familiar cackle.

Being a senior gives Jean "a completely new feeling." She is having so much fun in her senior year that time goes by too fast for her.

Jean's favorite song is "Scotch and Soda", sung by the Kingston Trio. She just "dies" for the color pink. Her favorite food is shrimp cocktail with, naturally, pink sauce. Jean is constantly using the expression, "Isn't that a riot." Only the poor spirit of the school upsets this active school citizen.

Being the trustworthy Art Editor of the *Mirror* is only one of her many activities. She also participates in the Personality Club and in the Art Club. When asked what she thought could be done to improve Agawam High, Jean answered, "Bringing new and exotic courses to Agawam would make the school much more interesting to attend."

While shopping in a well-known department store in Springfield during a busy hour, Jean had her most embarrassing experience. A generously built lady bumped into her, she (Jean) lost her balance, fell into a dressed dummy and knocked it over.

Jean's ideal boy is one who has blue eyes and dark hair. He must also be intelligent, "masculinely built," and have a good sense of humor. She especially likes boys named Jack.

In the future Jean would like to go into fashion retailing. Although, she is not certain which college she would like to attend, Jean would prefer to attend college in Boston.

Teddy Affleck

Theodore Affleck, commonly referred to as Teddy, can often be seen leading the A.H.S. Band for assemblies.

Teddy is active in many organizations. He holds many important offices in various clubs throughout the school. He has been president and treasurer of the band for two consecutive years. Teddy is also treasurer of the Ski Club.

There hasn't been an operetta that he hasn't appeared in during his four years at A.H.S. He portrayed Mr. Dussel in the Senior Class Play and will take the part

of Inspector Barnes in this year's operetta. Teddy will also compete in the senior division of the inter-class play competition.

In the future Teddy plans to attend college and to major in math. His aim in life is "to live a satisfying life and set a good example for my children." Teddy's favorite subjects in school are math and history, which coincide with his desire to become an actuary.

Teddy describes his ideal girl as short with brown hair and blue eyes. She must love cats and have a mother who makes delicious apple pie! Guess who?

Teddy's most exciting experience was the time he shook hands with Roy Rogers and his most embarrassing moment was when he wore two different shoes to school. That's bound to make anyone turn red! Teddy's pet peeve is people who act superior to others.

Teddy can be described as an active member of our school. If you happen to pass him in the halls, satisfy your curiosity and ask him what an actuary is!

Bobby Polopek

"My senior year is lots of fun, but also a big responsibility because the underclassmen look up to a senior as a leader of the school," says Bobby Polopek, a familiar senior boy who is also known as a "big tease."

Bobby is a member of the Student Patrol and the Student Council, as well as a member of the football team, baseball team, and assistant captain of the hockey team. Some of his activities outside of school are dates with Sue, and wasting gas with "the boys." He also finds time for other sports.

Problems of Democracy is Bobby's favorite subject, and his favorite color is burgundy. Steak heads his list of favorite foods and he loves any record by Roy Orbison. His ideal girl must be cute, lively, personable, brunette, and a senior. People who don't go to hockey games is Bobby's pet peeve.

His most embarrassing experience was arriving at the wrong school to take college board exams ten minutes before the exams were scheduled to begin. Trying to learn to water ski without breaking his neck was his most exciting experience.

When asked what he would like to change in the school Bobby sternly replied, "I would like to have the ants removed from my patrol post!!!"

After high school Bobby plans to attend either Pennsylvania State or Michigan State University.

Richard Chandler

A familiar face at Agawam High School's athletic events is that of Richard Chandler, a well-known senior. Richard has participated in football, basketball, and baseball for four years.

In addition to being a valuable member of these athletic teams, Richard has found ample time for his studies; he is a qualified member of the National Honor Society.

How does it feel to be a senior? "Rich" thinks that "being a senior is just about the best time of your high school career."

Richard's main ambition at the moment, is "getting on the Honor Roll and finishing high school."

When asked to describe his ideal girl, Rich replied, "Anything but a redhead!"

His favorite food is fried clams and his favorite color is green. He has no particular favorite school subject, and, as for music, he likes "just about everything." Of course, his favorite activity is sports participation.

Richard would like to improve the school by having longer lunch periods and "more food."

After graduation Rich intends to attend Norwich University and eventually specialize in a phase of engineering.

Marsha Della-Giustina

Marsha Della-Giustina considers her senior status as "just great."

"It's the best year of your entire school career because you know everyone and the responsibility is really rewarding," she exclaims.

Certainly Marsha is in a position to judge the rewards of shouldering many responsibilities. She considers preparing her weekly column, "My Beat", for the *Agawam Independent* newspaper her most time-consuming activity. She is also president of the Future Teachers' Association, secretary of the Latin, Drama, and French clubs, editor of the Clubs and Activities section of the *Sachem* yearbook, and a member of the *Mirror* staff. Marsha is also a member of the National Honor Society.

The field of dramatics holds much interest for Marsha. She has participated in various dramatic productions such as last year's operetta, *Bye Bye Birdie*, and this year's senior class play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Marsha's outside activities (we marvel at her finding time for any!) include writing, playing chess, sewing, bowling, and playing with white T-Birds?!

Marsha has an all-too-familiar lament — lunch periods are too short and the lunch schedule does not always permit lunching with one's close friends. Marsha considers the friendliness of the faculty and students one of the most admirable qualities of Agawam High School.

Marsha's ideal boy must, "above all things," be considerate. He must also be fun to be with, intelligent, and must know what his coat looks like!?

Marsha's pet peeve is people who misspell her last name. "It's *G-i-u*, not *G-u-i*!"

Marsha considers her most rewarding experience to be attending the Democratic State Convention in Springfield.

"It's amazing how many people can work together for the benefit of the state!" remarks Marsha.

Her most embarrassing experience came last year during Lent when everyone decided to "fatten

Miss Miller's Class

Miss Miller's English classes were assigned to write a definition concerning a material object or an abstract quality. The following papers were selected by Miss Miller as representing a good cross-section of the results.

Cascading Pearls

From a point almost completely obscure to the human eye, a tiny, colorless bubble glides into view. As it begins its slow, silent journey, it grows in size leaving a reddened, shiny path as its memory. Rolling unhurriedly over gently curving contours, it flows through valleys, ascending knolls and again tumbling down hillsides until, at last, it reaches the end of a long journey. From its destination it plunges downward to land on a folded hand or already dampened breast.

What is this tear that fell? It is the symbol of a life that speaks with the magnitude of a thousand voices. If we but listen it will tell us the history of an individual. Tragically, tears carry the message of mournful anguish for a loved one or a neglected opportunity. These droplets shed, ease the heavy burden of the heart and lighten the sorrow of the mind. With the watchful eye of conscience as a judge of all man's actions, tears are the contritioners filled with remorse. They ask for forgiveness and plead for love. They mend the heart that harsh words broke, and melt the heart that anger hardened. Tears are the delegates of love that speak with more emotion and meaning than any number of words. Love, whose vastness knows no bounds, spills forth in a watery cascade; one silent drop cries out with a voice louder than a band of blaring trumpets. Marveling at the glory of a wondrous day or a successful life, man also, cannot help shedding tears for sheer joy and exultation. The overflow of emotion is the uncontainable exuberance of heart and mind.

The pearls that tumble from a dampened eye cascade from a deeply-touched heart.

"Tears are the softening showers which cause the seed of heaven to spring up in the human heart." Sir Walter Scott

Sharon Veneklasen

A SMILE

What is a smile? Noah Webster defines a smile as "a change of facial expression, expressive of amusement, pleasure or affection"; but the abstract definition of a smile penetrates far beneath the mere physical, well into the philosophical. A smile is one of the most precious gifts which one can give to his fellow man. It is as near a perfect gift as can exist; for in the giving of a smile, one gives part of himself. A smile costs nothing, but gives so much. It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich and mighty that he can live without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness, denotes

her up"; she was gifted with about six desserts!

Marsha would like to attend Russell Sage College or Bridge-water State College and eventually become a teacher or social worker.

Marsha's chief goal in life is "to understand myself and those around me and to make the very most of life."

friendship, fosters good will, and warms the soul. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, and sunshine to the sad. A smile is no more than a simple gift; yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value until it is given away. Because some people are always too tired to smile, they never experience the wonderful heart-warming feeling which can be gained from the giving of such a simple gift. If you ever encounter such a person, give him one of your smiles, as no person needs a smile as much as he who has none to give.

Robert Oppenheimer

Love

Love is the intoxicating emotion which moves one to appreciate and crave the presence or possession of the cherished object. Love provokes one to please or to attempt to promote the welfare of the beloved. Love is spiritual and reciprocal. An intrinsic hunger for something or someone with whom inner emotions and expressions can be shared leads one to love; true love affords a spiritual vent, so to speak. Affection is a kindly feeling towards a person or object, but affection lacks the fervor and intensity of love. Love is more absorbing and tender, less calm than friendship. It is easier to give reasons for friendship than for love. Whereas friendship denotes some equality, love does not; one may love an enemy or an inferior. Neither does love denote mere physical attraction or passion; this is lust or desire. Love can have no connection with objects which invoke reaction of the senses alone; this affinity is better expressed as liking rather than loving. One likes a heaping dish of spaghetti or the sight of a beautiful woman. One may, however, love an inanimate object such as one's homeland or an abstract quality such as the beauty of nature. "And now abideth faith, hope, love; these three. But the greatest of these is love."

Susan Colli

Beauty

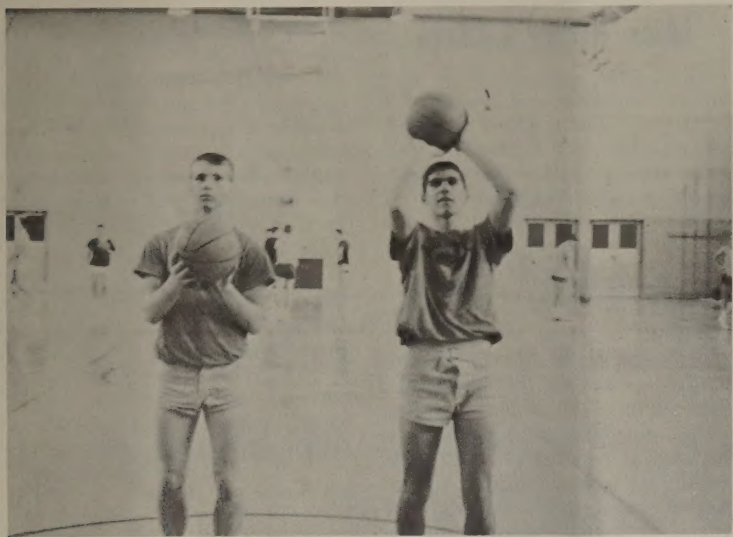
Beauty is a quality given to anything that is appealing to the senses. Beauty is truly in the eyes of the beholder, for each of us has his own concept of the elegant quality. A beautiful person is not the only reflector of the quality. Beauty can be the fragrance of the honeysuckle in the moonlit garden. The ruby rose is beauty when she presents herself to the world by opening her petaled arms and catching the early morning dew. To a lover of music, beauty is the melodious sounds of Beethoven's symphonies. The feel of the warm, friendly handshake is beauty in the dark world of the blind man. Beauty is the crippled child trying with all his strength to walk. Delicious-looking trout swimming in a swift stream bring beauty to the fisherman. America with her snow-capped mountains, rich green valleys, soft blue waters, and golden fields presents all the grandeur of beauty. Yes, we are surrounded by beauty, and all that we must do to obtain it is to be able to see it.

Nancy Cirillo

Love

The wise and the foolish have all had something to say about love. It's blind; it's a malady without cure; it's a wild bird which no one can tame; and lovers are lunatics. On the other hand, love conquers all; it makes

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Helping to lead the Brownies on their current 4-game winning streak are the one-two scoring punch of senior, Bob Morin and sophomore, Sam Provo.

Hockey Team Suffers First Round Blues

The Agawam High School hockey team made their season's debut in a losing effort against the league's powerhouse, Classical High School. The Bulldogs quickly showed their superiority by scoring twice in the first period. The potent Classical offense was held in the second period to no goals but bounced back with three goals in the final period. The Classical defense stopped any scoring from the Brownie front lines and went on to preserve their 5 to 0 shutout.

The next game was a heart-breaking loss to the league's new addition, Chicopee Comprehensive. The Colts drew first blood by scoring during a scramble in front of the Agawam goal in the second period. Fran Arnold scored the first goal of the game and of the season for Agawam as they tied the game mid-way in the second period. The Brownie offensive unit then started to click, passing and moving the puck well but failed to put the puck in the net due to the many fine saves of the Colt's goalie. The winning goal came

late in the same period when the puck was knocked from under Larry Scherpa's pads. The third period remained scoreless giving Chicopee Comprehensive a 2 to 1 victory.

After losing the first two games, the Brownies earned their first victory of the season over winless Holyoke by a score of 5 to 2. Agawam trailed early in the first period on two quick Holyoke goals, however, Fran Arnold and Mike Natale scored their first goals of the night to tie the game. Agawam's go-ahead goal was scored by captain Dave Robinson mid-way in the second period. Fran Arnold and Mike Natale each added their second goal of the evening in the third period to clinch the Brownie victory.

Agawam was shut out for the second time in the season in their first clash with Palmer. Penalties hurt the scoring punch, although the defensive unit of Jack Decker, Bob Polopek, and Rich Durant turned in an excellent game, helping to hold Palmer to only two goals. The first Palmer goal came on a screen shot in the first period, and the other scored on a three-on-one break-away, while the Brownies had a man in the penalty box. Agawam failed to score giving Palmer a 2 to 0 victory.

The Brownies suffered a 4 to 2 loss to second place Trade as the team concluded it's first round play. The Beavers had a 3 to 0 lead going into the last half of the third period when Dan DeBiasio picked up his first goal of the season. From this point, the Brownies dominated the play as their shots kept hitting the goal posts with regularity, missing being goals by inches. Bob Polopek added the second goal for Agawam, assisted by Fran Arnold and Dave Robinson. The Brownies started their scoring too late as Trade hung on to its two goal lead for the win.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE (Continued From Page One)

\$1,000. to one or more seniors of Springfield area high schools who have worked not less than two years for the Springfield newspapers. Apply not later than February to your guidance director.

College Club of Springfield — a tuition scholarship for girls at a college recognized by the American Association of University Women. Apply on form secured from the guidance office and forwarded to Mrs. Roland Crazier, 6 Pease Street, Wilbraham, no later than March 15, 1964.

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Women's Auxiliary. Polish-American Club of Agawam — To one boy and one girl of Polish extraction, \$50. Pick up application blanks in guidance office before April 1st.

The above information is subject to change.

CLOTHES LINE (Continued From Page One)

over. Or, for the more sporting look, she may be dressed in deep forest or apple green stretch pants with a black and green sweater. Cranberries, pinks, greens, and blues can be mixed and/or matched with prints or solids to make many becoming outfits.

Although the ski bug may be hard on her clothes, she still wants to look attractive. Ski jackets not only keep her warm but are appealing to the eye. Reversible ski jackets usually have a solid color on one side and a print of various pastels on the other side. Some ski jackets have fur on the hoods for additional warmth. Ski jackets cannot do all the work of keeping the skier warm; heavy ski sweaters are

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The end of the first round finds Agawam in fifth place in the Wright Division only two points behind Chicopee Comprehensive.



The recently-elected freshmen cheerleading squad is pictured above. They are (left to right), Susan Durant, Gail Begley, Carol Nieroda, Donna Bonavita, Kathy Grassa, and Jane Gallerani.

advisable. Ski sweaters come in assorted styles and various colors and can be worn over matching turtle neck jerseys.

Whether you are the sporty type or a snow-bunny, winter can be fun, and the newest fashions can lend added color to the season.

MISS MILLER'S CLASS (Continued From Page Three)

the world go round; all mankind loves a lover; and in spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. The remedial influence of pure, natural relations is love. Love, however, is more than mere physical attraction; it transcends to the spiritual. Furthermore, one must not feel that love is the answer to one's dreams, as often this feeling promotes more problems and disappointments. Perhaps Ann Cope expresses it best in "Disappointment":

"I thought a dream was in the moon,
But all I found was gold.
I thought I'd found a new-born star,
But it was centuries old.
I thought a cloud was soft and light
And by a clean sun freaked;
A cloud is a dark, dampish thing,
With chill night secrets streaked.
I thought that love would answer
The question half-formed before —
But one may only find in love
A thousand questions more."
Martha Sharritt

FRIENDSHIP

What is friendship? It is many things. It is loyalty and trust, honesty and faith, forgiveness and hope. It is feeling completely natural with another, shedding all pretense and sham. It is sharing with another both big and little things, joy and sorrow, success and defeat, laughter and tears. It is counting on another to under-

stand moods, to put up with failings, to be there when needed with a word of encouragement, a smile, a look. It is a highway running straight but not always smoothly, a highway with wind and rain and snow, with trees and hills and slopes, with changes and storms and repairs, with two sides running directly parallel to each other. Friendship is a wave that rushes and falls, an elastic band that stretches and strains, yet seldom breaks, a song that warms and calls. Friendship is a shared secret, a mutual smile, sacred tear. God made man and made him to be friendly; God gave him an eternal light and called it friendship; God gave him a jewel and called it a friend.

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